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COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH MOEEL LAH FAKHOURY LLP

ALBANY, NY – As part of the Request for Proposal (RFP) 2022-04 Administrative Agency Services for CPRB, the City of Albany requested proposals from qualified firms, organizations, and individuals to assist the City of Albany Community Police Review Board (CPRB) in navigating a critical moment in its history and prepare the CPRB to fulfill its new responsibilities that are a result of Proposition 7 – Local Law J. On November 2, 2022, Proposition 7 passed at the referendum, expanding the power of the CPRB by increasing its authority and ability to conduct investigations with subpoena power and to exercise oversight, review, and resolution of community complaints alleging abuse of police authority. After a rigorous RFP and search process, the City of Albany CPRB has partnered with Moeel Lah Fakhoury LLP to help the agency establish an infrastructure and foundational practices to support its efforts and growth.

Andrew Lah, Russell Bloom and Rania Adwan of Moeel Lah Fakhoury LLP will be assisting the CPRB in designing a strategic planning process for the structure of an Agency to assist in the exercise of all of CPRB's new powers as contemplated by Local Law J. In addition, the team will advise the nine-member CPRB body on the creation of the disciplinary matrix required by Local Law J, procedures and rules for the conduct of investigations and proceedings consistent with other legal requirements, and collect and organize stakeholder feedback on CPRB priorities, among other duties. Mr. Lah, Mr. Bloom and Ms. Adwan have led and managed other police oversight agencies through development and growth periods, conducted and led hundreds of investigations into police conduct, and are dedicated to community engagement. They are eager to work with the CPRB to strengthen independent oversight in Albany. Andrew

Lah, Russell Bloom and Rania Adwan will be providing a brief presentation to the CPRB on **July 14, 2022, at 6 PM** Public Monthly Meeting on the recent partnership and plan for the Board.

“We are pleased to assist the Community Police Review Board at this critical moment. Our team brings diverse backgrounds and meaningful experiences to this project in the civilian oversight space, and we are eager to implement a structure for an effective oversight model for Albany and its residents,” said Andrew Lah, Managing Partner of Moeel Lah Fakhoury.

“The Community Police Review Board is proud to work with the Moeel Lah Fakhoury LLP team. They are helping the CPRB fully utilize our enhanced powers and create a sustainable and effective oversight model for the City of Albany. The Board is excited to continue to work with Moeel Lah Fakhoury LLP and truly values their guidance and expertise,” said CPRB Chair Nairobi Vives.

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